

PETITION FOR A WRIT O	F HABEAS CORPUS BY A PERSON	AUG 1 8 2008
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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JAMES SEEGARS

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Full Name of Petitioner

Case No.(To be provided by the clerk of court)

vs.

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JAMES D. HARTLEY, WARDEN

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Name of Respondent (Warden or jailor)

# Read Comments Carefully Before Filling In

### When and Where to File

You should file in the Northern District if you were convicted and sentenced in one of these counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Mateo and Sonoma. You should also file in this district if you are challenging the manner in which your sentence is being executed, such as loss of good time credits, and you are confined in one of these counties. Habeas L.R. 2254-3(a).

If you are challenging your conviction or sentence and you were <u>not</u> convicted and sentenced in one of the above-named fifteen counties, your petition will likely be transferred to the United States District Court for the district in which the state court that convicted and sentenced you is located. If you are challenging the execution of your sentence and you are not in prison in one of these counties, your

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petition will likely be transferred to the district court for the district that includes the institution where you are confined. Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b).

## Who to Name as Respondent

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You must name the person in whose actual custody you are. This usually means the Warden or jailor. Do not name the State of California, a city, a county or the superior court of the county in which you are imprisoned or by whom you were convicted and sentenced. These are not proper respondents.

If you are not presently in custody pursuant to the state judgment against which you seek relief but may be subject to such custody in the future (e.g., detainers), you must name the person in whose custody you are now <u>and</u> the Attorney General of the state in which the judgment you seek to attack was entered.

# A. INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CONVICTION AND SENTENCE

What sentence are you challenging in this petition?

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Superior Court, Oakland):	
SANTA CLARA SUPERIOR COURT	191 NORTH FIRST STREET
Court	Location SAN JOSE, CA. 95113-1090
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(b) Case number, if known 121948
(c) Date and terms of sentence 4/5/89
(c) Date and terms of sentence (Custody means being in iail, on parole

(d) Are you now in custody serving this term? (Custody means being in jail, on parole or probation, etc.) Yes x No

Where? AVENAL STATE PRISON - 1 KINGS WAY - P.O.BOX 9 - AVENAL, CA.93204
(Name of Institution) (Address)

2. For what crime were you given this sentence? (If your petition challenges a sentence for more than one crime, list each crime separately using Penal Code numbers if known. If you are challenging more than one sentence, you should file a different petition for each sentence.)

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3. Did you have any of the following?

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If you did, give the name of the court and the result:

9. Other than appeals, have you previously filed any petitions, applications or motions with respect to this conviction in any court, state or federal? Yes <u>x</u> No \_\_\_\_

SUPERIOR COURT SANTA CLARA - WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS - denied(see attached Exhibits C thru D).

CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT - WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS - DENIED(see EXHIBITS C THUR D).

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 28 U.S.C § 2254 - DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE(SEE EXHIBITS A THRU B HEREIN COLLECTIVELY.)

If you sought relief in any proceeding other than an appeal, answer the following

(a)

Note: If you previously filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in federal court that challenged the same conviction you are challenging now and if that petition was denied or dismissed with prejudice, you must first file a motion in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit for an order authorizing the district court to consider this petition. You may not file a second or subsequent federal habeas petition without first obtaining such an order from the Ninth Circuit. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b).

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#### **B. GROUNDS FOR RELIEF**

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State briefly every reason that you believe you are being confined unlawfully. Give facts to support each claim. For example, what legal right or privilege were you denied? What happened? Who made the error? Avoid legal arguments with numerous case citations. Attach extra paper if youneed more space. Answer the same questions for each claim.

Note: You must present ALL your claims in your first federal habeas petition. Subsequent petitions may be dismissed without review on the merits. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b); McCleskey v. Znt, 499 U.S. 467, 111 S. Ct. 1454, 113 L. Ed. 2d 517 (1991).

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8	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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10	JAMES SEEGARS, CASE NO.:
11	PETITIONER,
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16	JAMES D. HARTLEY,
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19	INTRODUCTION
20	NOW COMES PETITIONER(JAMES SEEGARS)BEFORE THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES DISTRICT
21	COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA:
22	On July 13, 2007, the Honorable United States District Judge Martin J.Jenkins
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24	"DISMISSED" petitioner's habeas petition 28 U.S.C. § 2254 without prejudice, with
25	direction to re-file once all state post-conviction challenges were completed, case
26	number C-07-3139 MJJ(PR).(See Exhibit A herein collectively.)
-	Petitioner respectfully comes before this Court in light of his previous issue

raising the Cunningham v California,549 U.S.\_\_\_,127 S.Ct.856, decision rendered by

the UNited States Supreme Court on January 22. 2007.

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Petitioner's sentence is legally unauthoried and violated his Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments.

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#### GOOD CAUSE JUSTIFICATION AND EXPLANATION FOR RELIEF

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On January 22,2007, the United states Supreme court decided <u>Cunningham v California</u>, 127 S.Ct.856, which held that, "California Determinate Sentencing Law (DSL) is uncon-

stitutional and violated defendant's Sixth and fourteenth Amendments.

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On October 24, 2003, petitioner's conviction became final, case no.#121948(Exhibit D herein collectively.)

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On Febuary 5, 2007, petitioner filed a writ of habeas corpus in the Santa Clara:

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On April 5, 2007, petitioner filed a writ of habeas corpus in the California Supreme

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Court, case no.# S151564.(Exhibit B.)

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On June 14, 2007, petitioner filed a 28 U.S.C § 2254 in this United States District Court.(Exhibit A herein collectively.)

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On August 17, 2007, petitioner filed a "NOtice of Appeal" in this District Court

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out of ignorance of the law when the Honorable Judge Martin J.Jenkins dismissed his

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petition without prejudice because petitioner did not understand the order. (Exhibit

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A herein collectively.)

On October 22, 2007, petitioner's filed a Certificate of Appealability, idenied on

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November 8, 2007. (Exhibit A herein collectively.)

Superior Court, case no.#121948.(Exhibit C)

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RELEVANT FACTUAL PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The California Legislature quickly swung into action and passed a new bill which eliminated California preference for the middle -term, by returning to the trial judge power to impose an upper -term sentence on their own, consistently with the Sixth Amendment concerns the Supreme Court had expressed in Cunningham.

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Governor Schwarnegger quickly signed the bill in to law in late March, so the middle-term is no longer the "statutory minimum", that the judge can impose without supporting jury findings."

As of April 30, 2007, the Cunningham window closed preventing the ability of prisoners to claim the upper-term sentence violated their Sixth Amendment.

However, petitioner filed his habeas petition before the new "anti-Cunningham" legislation took effect.(See Exhibit B thru C herein collectively.)

In other words, the result of Cunningham is a direct result of the rule announced in Apprendi v New Jersey,530 U.S.466(2000), thus retroactivity is not a factor because Cunningham is not a new ruling, and petitioner is entitled to present his claim on habeas corpus.(See Backting v Bayer,399 F.3d 1010,1023(9th Cir.)("Crawford simply reiterates a long standing rule and does not announce a new rule, the retroactivity falls out of our analysis."Id.at 1023.)

Accordingly, petitioner is entitled to relief based on the fact his case did not become final until after Apprendi, therefore, this court should grant relief based on the trial court's erroneous imposition of the upper-terms on counts 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11, which violated petitioner's Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments of the Due Process Clause.(See McClesky v Zant, 499 U.S. 467, 111 S.Ct. 1454, 1456; Stone v Powell, 428 U.S. 465, 492-493.)

GROUND ONE:

THE TRIAL COURT ERRED UNDER CUNNINGHAM''S DECISION BY IMPOSING THE UPPER TERMS BASED ON FACTS NOT FOUND BY THE JURY VIOLATED PETITIONER'S SIXTH AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS OF THE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE:

SUPPORTING FACTS"

On April 5, 1989, petitioner was convicted by jury of six counts of oral copulation(P.C.§ 288(a)(c).), and one count of penetration w/foreign object(P.C.§ 289(a).) and one count of second-degree-robbery(P.C.§ 211/212(b).), one count of attempted rape(P.C.§ 664/261(2).), one count of false imprisonment(P.C.§ 236/237, case no. 121948.(See Exhibits E - F herein collectively.)

On May 3, 1989, the trial court imposed the upper-term on counts 2,4,5,6,8,9,and 11, plus enhancements totaling a term of 54 years to be served in the dept.of Corrections Rehabilitation.(Exhibit E.)

The trial court erred when imposing the upper-terms without the jury's finding and without petitioner's admission to the additional factors. (See Exhibits E- F.)

Accordingly, the trial court abused its discretion violating petitioner's constitutional rights guaranteed under the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitutions and California Constitutions, which is a fundamental miscarriage of justice of the Due Process Clause.

# Memorandum of Points And Authorities

## ARGUEMENT

#### A

Under California Determinate sentencing Law(DSL), offenses are punishable by one of three precise terms of imprisonments; a low term, a mid-term, and a upperterm.

Petitioner's finality of his conviction became final on 10-24-03, after Apprendication of the United States Supreme Court's decision held that; "imposition of an upper term sentence under California's former Determinate Sentenceing Law based on neither a prior conviction, nor facts found by the jury or admitted by the defendant violates the sixth and fourteenth Amendments.

The federal constitution jury-trial gurantee proscribes a sentencing scheme that allows a judge to impose a sentence above the "statutory maximum" based on facts other than a prior conviction, not found by a jury or admitted by the defendant. (See Apprendi, supra, 530 U.S. 466, Ring v Arizona, 536 U.S. 584(2003); Blakely v Washington, 542 U.S. 296; United States v Booker, 543 U.S. 220(2005) ("the relevant "statutory maximum" is not the maximum sentence a judge may impose after finding additional facts, but the maximum he may impose without any additional findings.") see Cumningham, supra, 127 S.Ct. at 860.)

None of the aggravating factors on which the trial court relied on is a constitutionally permissible ground for exceeding the statutory maximum at the time of the imposition in petitioner's case. (Exhibit E.)

Cunningham opine, that the genesis for its decision is the rule announced for the first time in Apprendi. The Supreme court re-affirmed the Apprendi rule, and summaring Blakely. The Court stated; "it was applying the apprendi rule.

Apprendionales it perfectly clear that the "statutory maximum" sentence a judge may impose solely is on the basis of the facts relfected in the jury's verdict or admitted by the defendant, not the maxi-

mum sentence the judge may impose after finding additional facts, but the maximum 1 he may impose without any additional findings."(Id.at 490.) 2 The Cunningham court concluded that, "our decision from Apprendi to Booker, points 3 tothe middle term specified in California's statutes, not the upper-term as 4 the "statutory maximum." (Blakely,542 U.S. at 303-304.) 1/ 5 In petitioner's case, the trial court's imposition of the high-end(upper term) 6 sentence was based on facts found by the judge, which exceeded the " statutory maxi-7 mum ", because the mid-term is the most that can be imposed under California's statutes 8 9 without special findings by the jury or admitted by the defendant. (Blakely, 542 U.S. 10 at 303-304; citing Apprendi, supra, 530 U.S.466.) 11 Clearly the fact finding in petitioner's case elevated his sentence from the 12 "statutory maximum"...falls within the province of the jury employing a beyond a 13 reasonable doubt standard, not the bailwick of the trial judge's determination where 14 the preponderance of evidence lies.(SeePeople v Diaz(2007\_\_Cal.App.4th\_\_). 15 Furthermore, Cunningham relies on Blakely, Bakely applies the rules announced in 16 Apprendi, therefore, entitling petitioner to relief based on his conviction becoming 17 finalized after Apprendi, which violated his Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments.(See 18 Exhibit D.; see also People v Rosen(2007) Cal.App.4th(WL900765); \$VII[Apprendi 19 dictated the result in Cunningham]; Reed v Schriro, F.Supp.2d ,(2007WL521016(D. 20 Ariz.2/14/07)(key "Finality"date for successfully making Cunningham claims is the 2.1 date that Apprendi came down.) 22 Moreover, a factor in aggravation must have the effects of making a crime "dis-23 tinctively worse than the ordinary "(People v Webber(1991)228 Cal.App.3d 1146,1169, 24 Any fact extending the defendant's sentence beyond the maximum authorized by the jury or admitted by the defendant would have been considered an element of a 25 aggravated crime and thus the domain of the jury by those who framed the BILL OF RIGHTS." 26

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and a fact that is an element of a crime or that is essential to a jury's determination of guilt may not be used to impose the upper-term" (See Cunningham, 127 S.Ct.at 868; see also Cal.Rules of Court, Rule 4.420(d).)

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#### TRIAL COURT'S ERROR AND ABUSE OF DISCRETION REQUIRES REVERSAL:

Failure to submit a sentencing factor to the jury is subject to harmless error analysis under the standard set forth in <u>Chapman v California</u>,386 U.S.18(1967); see Washington v Recuenco, 548 U.S. ,126 S.Ct.2546, 2551-2553.)

However, Apprendi error is evaluated under the Chapman standard.(See <u>People v Sena-</u>padychith(2001)26 Cal.4th 316, 327.)

Consequently, while a jury reasonably could have found each of the aggravating factors to be true beyond a reasonable doubt based on the evidence presented in the trial court, this court cannot conclude that a jury would have done so.

Thus, this court should not conclude that the constitutional error sustained by petitioner was harmless beyond a reasonable doubt because it violated his Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments.

SUMMARY

Consequently, becasue a fact'other than a prior conviction used to impose the upper-term must first be submitted to a jury and proved beyond a reasonable doubt, unless the accused waives the right to jury trial(Cunningham,549 U.S.\_\_,127 S.Ct.856[166 L.Ed.2d at 873],it now appears that to satify procedural due process, an aggravating fact must be charged in the accusatory pleading.(See Apprendi,530 U.S.466,476, 494,fn.19[147 L.Ed.2d 435,446,457,fn.19]; Jones v United States,526 U.S. 227,243,fn.6[143 L.Ed.2d 311,326,fn.6]["any fact(other than prior convictions)that increases the maximum penalty for a crime must be charged in an indictment, submitted to a jury, and prove[d] beyond a reasonable doubt'(italics added)].)"(Barragan v Superior Court(2007)\_\_\_Cal. App.4th\_\_\_(WL914768,\*2][permitting,in a just-begun criminal trial,the amedment of the information to allege aggravating factors.](See Exhibits A - B herein cllectively.)

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, petitioner prays that the judgement be modified to impose the "middle-term" on counts 2,4,5,6,8,9,11, and order the clerk of the Superior Court to prepare a new abstract of judgement reflecting imposition of the middle-terms on all counts above, that the abstract of judgement reflect that the sentence on all counts listed above as mid-terms are full terms to be served consecutively, not consecutive sentences of 1/3 of the middle-term as they were previously and incorrectly designated, and forward a true copy to the California Department of Corections Rehabilitation.

Respectfully submitted

JAMES SEEGATS

PETITIONER AND APPELLANT

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List, by name and citation only, any cases that you think are close factually to yours so that they are an example of the error you believe occurred in your case. Do not discuss the holding or reasoning of these cases:

Do you have an attorney for this petition? Yes X No 2

If you do, give the name and address of your attorney:

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that the Court grant petitioner relief to which s/he may be entitled in this proceeding. I verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 20, 2008

Date

| Date | Date | Signature of Petition |

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OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA	THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES SEEGARS,
Petitioner,

No. C 07-3139 MJJ (PR)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

v.

SUZAN HUBBARD,
Respondent.

Petitioner, a California prisoner, filed this pro se habeas corpus petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 challenging a 1989 conviction and sentence from Santa Clara County Superior Court. Petitioner states that a "petition, appeal or other post-conviction proceeding" is "now pending" in the California Supreme Court. <u>See</u> Petition at 5.

The exhaustion requirement applicable to federal habeas petitions is not satisfied if there is a pending post-conviction proceeding in state court. See 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)-(c); Sherwood v. Tomkins, 716 F.2d 632, 634 (9th Cir. 1983). If a post-conviction challenge to a criminal conviction is pending in state court, a potential federal habeas petitioner must await the outcome of the challenge before his state remedies are considered exhausted. See id. Moreover, the rule in Sherwood applies whether or not the issue raised in the pending state petition is included in the federal petition because a pending state court challenge may result in the reversal of the petitioner's conviction, thereby mooting the federal petition. See id. (citations omitted).

As petitioner has a post-conviction proceeding pending in the California Supreme Court, the instant petition for a writ of habeas corpus is DISMISSED without prejudice to refiling once all state court post-conviction challenges to petitioner's conviction and sentence

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have been completed, and all claims petitioner wishes to raise in federal court have been presented to the California Supreme Court. See 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)-(c); Rose v. Lundy, 455 U.S. 509, 522 (1982) (holding every claim raised in federal habeas petition must be exhausted).

The Clerk shall close the file and terminate any pending motions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 7/31/2007

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### FOR THE

#### NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES SEEGARS,

Case Number: CV07-03139 MJJ

Plaintiff,

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

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SUZAN HUBBARD et al,

Defendant.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on July 31, 2007, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

James Seegars Prisoner Id E-16635 P.O. Box 2500 Vacaville, CA 95696-2500

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Dated: July 31, 2007

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk By: Edward Butler, Deputy Clerk 1

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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES SEEGARS,	) No. C 07-3139 MJJ (PR)			
Petitioner,	ORDER OF DENYING CERTIFICATE OF			
v	APPEALABILITY			
SUZAN HUBBARD,	) ) (Docket No. 7)			
Respondent.	(Docker No. 7)			

Petitioner, a California state prisoner, filed this pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The petition was dismissed, and petitioner has filed a notice of appeal and a request for a certificate of appealability pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c) and Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 22(b). See United States v. Asrar, 116 F.3d 1268, 1270 (9th Cir. 1997). Petitioner has not shown "that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right and that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling." Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). Accordingly, the request for a certificate of appealability is DENIED. The Clerk shall forward this order, along with the case file, to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, from which petitioner also may seek a certificate of appealability. See Asrar, 116 F.3d at 1270.

This order terminates Docket No. 7.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED:

United States District Judge

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES SEEGARS,

Case Number: CV07-03139 MJJ

Plaintiff,

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

v.

SUZAN HUBBARD et al,

Defendant.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on November 8, 2007, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

James Seegars Prisoner Id E-16635 P.O. Box 2500 Vacaville, CA 95696-2500

Dated: November 8, 2007

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk By: R.B. Espinosa, Deputy Clerk

APPEAL, CLOSED, E-Filing, HABEAS, ProSe

# U.S. District Court California Northern District (San Francisco) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:07-cv-03139-MJJ Internal Use Only

Seegars v. Hubbard

Assigned to: Hon. Martin J. Jenkins

Cause: 28:2254 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (State)

Date Filed: 06/14/2007

Date Terminated: 07/31/2007

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 530 Habeas Corpus

(General)

Jurisdiction: Federal Question

**Petitioner** 

**James Seegars** 

represented by James Seegars

Prisoner Id E-16635 P.O. Box 2500

Vacaville, CA 95696-2500

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Respondent

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In re JAMES SEEGARS on Habeas Corpus

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8	In re ) No.: 121948					
9	JAMES SEEGARS,					
10	On Habeas Corpus ) ORDER )					
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13	Mr. SEEGARS, (hereinafter Petitioner,) has filed a habeas corpus					
14	petition in which he seeks relief based on the United States Supreme					
15	Court's holding, in Cunningham v. California (2007) 75 U.S.L.W. 4078					
16	that Blakely v. Washington (2004) 542 U.S. 296 applies to					
17	California's sentencing practices. However Petitioner's case was					
18	final prior to June 24, 2004, (the date Blakely was decided) and the					
19	Blakely rule is not retroactive. (See In re Consiglio (2005) 128					
20	Cal.App.4th 511, People v. Amons (2005) 125 Cal.App.4th 855, 864-865,					
21	and Schardt v. Payne (2005, 9th Circuit) 414 F.3d 1025.)					
22	Accordingly, all requested relief or action is denied.					
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25	JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR CORP					
26	CC: Petitioner District Attorney					
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# IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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James Seegars,	Petitioner .	) ) )	
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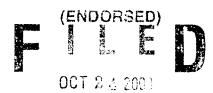
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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

#### COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

In re ) No. 121948

JAMES SEEGARS, AMENDED FINAL ORDER

On Habeas Corpus

JAMES SEEGARS (hereinafter "Petitioner") submitted to this court a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in which he asserted he was denied his right to appeal. This Court issued an order to show cause to explore the issues that Petitioner raised. The District Attorney filed a response, and Petitioner filed a traverse. This Court ordered an evidentiary hearing to explore the issues that Petitioner raised. Following the hearing, Petitioner's counsel and the District Attorney were ordered to conduct further briefing. The District Attorney has filed her further briefing, and Petitioner's counsel has filed further responsive briefing.

After careful consideration of the briefings of the parties and the evidence presented at the evidentiary hearing, this Court determines that Petitioner has not met his "burden of alleging and proving by a

preponderance of the evidence all of the facts" necessary to resolve the evidentiary disputes that this case presented. (<u>In re Merkle</u> (1960) 182 Cal.App.2d 46, 48.)

In his original petition, Mr. Seegars stated a prima facie case that between 1989 and 2000, he was incapacitated and unaware his attorney did not file a notice of appeal, that his attorney stated she would file a notice of appeal on his behalf, and but for her misconduct, he would have filed a notice of appeal himself.

The two primary factual disputes presented by the petition was whether Petitioner could adequately justify his delay in seeking relief through habeas corpus due to medical infirmities and whether he asked his trial attorney to file a notice of appeal on his behalf.

#### I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Based on the evidence presented by Petitioner and Respondent in their filings and at the evidentiary hearing, this Court makes the following findings of fact.

Petitioner's Medical History

On May 10, 1989, Petitioner was received at San Quentin following his sentencing on May 3, 1989. According to the information checklist completed at the time of admission, Petitioner's mental status was checked as normal with no psychiatric consult indicated.

On June 8, 1989 Petitioner was admitted to the hospital at San Quentin for psychiatric observation. The following information is contained in Petitioner's Exhibit D: Petitioner was admitted "In a decompensated psychotic state resembling a toxic delirium. For the

preceding month he had been fearful and talking to others unseen by his cell mate and was very fearful that they were trying to harm him."

Petitioner was seen by a psychiatrist who prescribed Haldol on this same date. By June 14, 1989, Petitioner's symptoms had cleared. The psychosis was considered to be in remission and he was discharged from the hospital with no psychotic symptoms. Petitioner was given a new diagnosis of "Acute Situational Adjustment."

According to medical records, Petitioner said he began to deteriorate when he received his sentence of 54 years. He stated that within 3 weeks of his sentencing, he began to hear voices. The medical records contain a statement by Petitioner that he told the screening doctor upon his admission to San Quentin he wished to see a psychiatrist, and his request was ignored.

On June 30, 1989, Dr. Morentz observed no psychiatric signs or symptoms. His diagnosis was Organic Psychosis Secondary to Street Drug Use which was in remission with medication. He recommended Petitioner be rejected for psychiatric treatment and be returned to the general population.

On July 20, 1989 and August 8, 1989, Petitioner again presented himself for psychiatric treatment and was rejected. Dr. Brichta indicated that she believed Petitioner may be faking.

August 30, 1989 Petitioner cut his arm "to let the raccoons out."

Petitioner admitted he was not troubled and cut himself to be readmitted to CMF. The treating physician gave him a diagnosis of "Probable Adjustment Reaction."

Petitioner again presented himself for psychiatric treatment on

August 30, 1989. He complained of visual and auditory hallucinations.

Dr. Shelley James, staff psychiatrist at the State of California Department of Corrections Medical Facility at Vacaville, testified at the evidentiary hearing. Dr. James began treating Petitioner in 1993 (the date is not precise) and continued to treat him into 2000. Dr. James did not treat Petitioner when Petitioner first arrived at CMF, Vacaville. Dr. James' diagnosis of Petitioner has always been the same: ADHD, polysubstance abuse, and borderline intellectual functioning. Dr. James testified that borderline intellectual functioning is not subject to change, and, in Petitioner's case, it has not changed.

Dr. James took Petitioner off the psychiatric medications. Through 2000, Petitioner remained off of these medications while residing at CMF. Dr. James testified Petitioner was never psychotic while under his care. He also stated if Petitioner exhibited psychotic symptoms on June 14, 1989, those same symptoms should have been apparent on May 3, 1989, the day of sentencing. Ms. Trevino also testified there were no such symptoms.

From 1993 to 2000, Petitioner has remained off psychiatric medications. During this time, his diagnoses included ADHD, Polysubstance Abuse, Antisocial Personality Disorder, mildly retarded, borderline intellectual functioning, clear and rational, but slow in processing information, and impaired cognitive ability.

When shown samples of Petitioner's written communication with Ms. Trevino during his trial in 1989, Dr. James testified that, based on his experience with Petitioner, he would not have expected him to communicate on that level.

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There was no evidence of a psychiatric disorder at the time of trial and sentencing. Ms. Trevino testified she saw no evidence of a mental disorder and did not believe there were any grounds for a psychiatric evaluation. She never believed Petitioner was mentally disabled, and none of her colleagues in the Public Defender's office, who represented him before her, made mention of or noted in their office file that Petitioner had any mental disorder issues. According to Petitioner, his symptoms began after sentencing.

Petitioner's Communications with Trial Counsel Regarding His Notice of Appea1

At the time of sentencing, Ms. Trevino spoke to Petitioner and explained his appellate rights to him and she even reminded the sentencing judge to advise of his appellate rights. After sentencing, Ms. Trevino specifically asked Petitioner if he wanted her to file an appeal on his behalf, and Petitioner told her clearly and emphatically that he did not want her to do so. She never received any further communication from him. Ms. Trevino testified she believed Petitioner understood his right to an appeal, he understood she was willing to file the notice of appeal, and he could request that she file one. stated it would have been her practice to file the notice on the date of sentencing.

Ms. Trevino also testified she saw no arguably meritorious grounds for appeal. While Ms. Trevino could not recall this herself, Petitioner testified that she did tell him that she believed that there were no grounds to raise on appeal. However, Ms. Trevino did not remember advising Petitioner to seek the advice of other counsel regarding her

competency at trial.

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## II. PETITIONER HAS FAILED TO JUSTIFY HIS DELAY IN SEEKING HABEAS RELIEF.

Denial of the right to effective assistance of counsel is one trial error which is cognizable on collateral review whether or not it was raised on appeal. (People v. Jackson (1973) 10 Cal.3d 265, 268, citing In re Hochberg (1970) 2 Cal.3d 870, 875.) However, any significant delay in seeking collateral relief on this ground must be fully justified. (Jackson, supra, 10 Cal.3d at 268, citing In re Wells (1967) 67 Cal.2d 873, 875.)

"It has long been required that a petitioner explain and justify any significant delay in seeking habeas corpus relief. 'It is the practice of this court to require that one who belatedly presents a collateral attack such as this explain the delay in raising the question.'" (In re Clark (1993) 5 Cal.4th 750, 765, quoting In re Swain (1949) 34 Cal.2d 300, 302.) "The burden is one placed even on indigent petitioners appearing in propria persona. . ." (In re Clark, supra, 5 Cal.4th at 765.) A petition should be filed as promptly as the circumstances allow, and the petitioner "must point to particular circumstances sufficient to justify substantial delay." (In re Stankewitz (1985) 40 Cal.3d 391, 397, fn.1.)

Despite Petitioner's claim in his original petition that he suffered a serious psychiatric illness, was being treated with heavy medication, and was unable to pursue his appeal between 1989 and 1994, the evidence at the hearing only indicated that Petitioner, at worst, suffered a psychiatric episode once in the month immediately following his sentencing in May 1989.

The period subsequent to the 1989 psychiatric episode revealed only a pattern of lies Petitioner made to secure certain placements at CDC. In fact, at the evidentiary hearing, Petitioner admitted that he lied to secure such placements. He lied to be admitted to CMF and lied to remain there. His lies resulted in some of the diagnoses he received. Moreover, even if Petitioner did become psychotic after sentencing, it was not apparent upon his admission to San Quentin. His psychosis cleared within 10 days, and it is questionable whether Petitioner ever suffered another psychotic episode. Petitioner admitted himself that he manufactured the psychotic episode involving raccoons in order to be readmitted to CMF. As stated before, Dr. James testified Petitioner was never psychotic while under his care.

Dr. Diana Sullivan Eversteine, a licensed psychologist testified on behalf of the Respondent. She observed Petitioner during his testimony. It was her opinion Petitioner can analyze, think in the abstract, and has intelligence. It was also her opinion Petitioner lies to achieve his goals.

Petitioner's admission and confinement at the medical facility with psychiatric treatment and medication were of his own choosing. It was his desire to be removed from the general prison population because he was not comfortable in it. He felt more secure at CMF. The psychotic, borderline intellectually functioning individual presented to prison officials is not the same person who presented himself to Ms. Trevino and the attorneys who preceded her.

As a result, the evidence overwhelmingly indicates that Petitioner was not so mentally debilitated that he could not diligently pursue an

appeal. More importantly, Petitioner admitted to falsifying his symptoms to gain placement at CMF. Thus, by Petitioner's own admission, he was falsely claiming mental illness.

Petitioner has failed to adequately justify his delay in seeking relief.

## III. PETITIONER'S CLAIM THAT HE ASKED HIS TRIAL COUNSEL TO FILE A NOTICE OF APPEAL IS NOT CREDIBLE.

Even assuming that Petitioner has justified his delay in seeking relief, he still has not met his burden of showing he communicated his desire to pursue an appeal with his trial attorney and that his trial attorney did not honor that request.

At the evidentiary hearing, Ms. Trevino clearly remembered that Petitioner told her, in no unclear terms, that he did not want her to file an appeal or work on the case any further. In contrast, the only evidence to the contrary was Petitioner's own testimony at the evidentiary hearing. His testimony, however, was not particularly credible.

Petitioner admitted to lying repeatedly to secure placement at facilities of his preference. Dr. Eversteine opined that Petitioner lies to achieve his goals. Petitioner's credibility was seriously impaired by his own testimony.

As a result, Petitioner has failed to credibly discredit his trial attorney's claim that Petitioner never asked her to pursue an appeal. The evidence suggests that Petitioner's credibility, and not Ms. Trevino's credibility, is questionable. Moreover, Petitioner has failed to rebut Ms. Trevino's testimony that she believed that there were no

arguably meritorious issues to be raised on appeal.

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In addition, Petitioner argues that his right to appeal was thwarted by Ms. Trevino's failure to advise him to seek outside counsel's advice regarding her competency at trial. However, the mere failure to fully advise and consult is not per se constitutional error according to the U.S. Supreme Court:

"We cannot say, as a constitutional matter, that in every case counsel's failure to consult with the defendant about an appeal is necessarily unreasonable, and therefore deficient. Such a holding would be inconsistent with both our decision in Strickland and common sense. See 466 U.S. at 689 (rejecting mechanistic rules governing what counsel must do). example, suppose that a defendant consults with counsel; counsel advises the defendant that a guilty plea probably will 2 а year sentence; the defendant satisfaction and pleads guilty; the court sentences the defendant to 2 years' imprisonment as expected and informs the defendant of his appeal rights; the defendant does not express any interest in appealing, and counsel concludes that there nonfrivolous grounds for appeal. circumstances, it would be difficult to say that counsel is "professionally unreasonable," 466 U.S. at 691, constitutional matter, in not consulting with such a defendant regarding an appeal. Or, for example, suppose a sentencing court's instructions to a defendant about his appeal rights in particular case are so clear and informative as to substitute for counsel's duty to consult. In some cases, counsel might then reasonably decide that he need not repeat that information. We therefore reject a bright-line rule that counsel must always consult with the defendant regarding an appeal." (Roe v. Flores-Ortega (2000) 528 U.S. 470, 479, citing Strickland v. Washington (1984) 466 U.S. 668.)

In the absence of any showing of prejudice, the Court finds no misconduct by Ms. Trevino, and Petitioner's claim of ineffective assistance of counsel has no merit.

Accordingly, the petition is DENIED.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF 1 COUNTY OF SANTA CEARA GRACE IC YEVAKAWA 5 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE б OF CALIFORNIA, 7 PLAINTIFF, 8 VS. NO. 12194 JAMIE C. SEEGARS, 9 10 DEFENDANT. 11 12 13 REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS 14 BEFORE THE HONORABLE JACK KOMAR > 15 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT 16 17 MAY 3, 1989 18 19 SENTENCING 20 21 22 23 APPEARANCES: 24 25 FOR THE PLAINTIFF: RICHARD TITUS DEPUTY DISTRICT AFTORNEY 26 27 FOR THE DEFENDANT: YOLANDA TREVINO 28 DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

MAY 3, 1989 SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 1 2 PROCEEDINGS 3 4 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. PEOPLE OF THE STATE 5 OF CALIFORNIA VERSUS JAMES SEEGARS. 6 MS. TREVINO: MR. SEEGARS IS PRESENT 7 REPRESENTED BY YOLANDA TREVING. 8 MR. TITUS: RICHARD TITUS. 9 MS. TREVINO: MATTER IS SET FOR SENTENCING, 10 YOUR HONOR. WE ARE PREPARED TO GO FORWARD. 11 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THIS IS THE TIME SET 12 FOR SENTENCING IN THIS MATTER. READY TO PROCEED, BOTH 13 SIDES? 14 MS. TREVINO: YES, YOUR HONOR. 15 MR. TITUS: YES, YOUR HONOR. 16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. DO YOU WAIVE FORMAL 17 ARRAIGNMENT FOR JUDGMENT AND SENTENCING IN THIS CASE? 18 MS. TREVINO: SO WAIVED, YOUR HONOR. 19 THE COURT: DO YOU WAIVE THE FIVE-DAY RULE 20 WITH REGARD TO RECEIPT OF THE PROBATION REPORT? 21 MS. TREVINO: YES, YOUR HONOR. 22 THE COURT: ANY LEGAL CAUSE WHY JUDGMENT AND 23 SENTENCE SHOULD NOT NOW BE PRONOUNCED? 24 MS. TREVINO: THERE IS NONE. 25 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THE RECORD SHOULD - 26 REFLECT THAT THE COURT HAS VERY CAREFULLY READ AND 27 CONSIDERED THE PROBATION REPORT. THERE ARE MANY FACTUAL 28 00112

ERRORS SET FORTH IN THE SUMMARY OF THE OFFENSE.

TO THE EXTENT THAT THE REPORT COPIES THE POLICE REPORTS, AND THE EVIDENCE WAS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT AS IT WAS PRESENTED IN OPEN COURT AND THE RECORD WILL SHOW I OF COURSE, HAVE HEARD THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE AND HEARD THE WITNESSES TESTIFY AND AM FAMILIAR WITH THE FACTS IN THIS CASE.

I HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE RECOMMENDATION, THE STATEMENTS IN AGGRAVATION, AND MITIGATION THAT HAVE BEEN FILED BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER.

I NOTE THERE ARE NO OTHER STATEMENTS IN MITIGATION OR AGGRAVATION THAT HAVE BEEN FILED.

MISS TREVINO, IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER YOU WOULD LIKE TO STATE TO THE COURT AT THIS TIME?

MS. TREVINO: IF I MAY, YOUR HONOR, VERY BRIEFLY, AD I BELIEVE THAT MR. SEEGARS WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADDRESS THE COURT FOLLOWING MYSELF.

YOUR HONOR, IN REVIEWING THE POLICE REPORT

BOTH WITH THE COURT IN CHAMBERS AND WITH MY CLIENT I WOULD

ASK THE COURT AT THIS TIME TO SENTENCE MY CLIENT TO A

SENTENCE THAT IS A FAIR REFLECTION AS TO THE CHARGES

BEFORE THE COURT.

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THOSE CHARGES CAN AND DO ADD UP TO SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF TIME.

AND THE QUESTION IS HOW MUCH OF THAT TIME SHOULD MR. SEEGARS BE SENTENCED TO AND HOW MUCH OF THAT TIME WOULD BE A FAIR TIME, BOTH AS THE LAW -- AS THE COURT KNOWS THE LAW, THE PUBLIC AND THAT TO MR. SEEGARS, THE DEFENDANT IN THIS CASE.

IN SPEAKING WITH MR. SEEGARS I ADVISED MR.

SEEGARS AS TO THE MAXIMUM CONSEQUENCES TO THE CHARGES BOTH PRIOR TO THE TRIAL AND TODAY'S DATE PRIOR TO HIS SENTENCING SO HE'S QUITE AWARE AS TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT THE COURT CAN, IN FACT, IMPOSE ON MR. SEEGARS.

IN VIEWING THE COUNTS AGAIN WITH HIM WE HAVE ARRIVED AT A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COURT WHICH DIFFERS FROM THE RECOMMENDATION SET FORTH BY THE PROBATION REPORT.

IT WOULD BE OUR REQUEST THAT THE COURT SENTENCE MR. SEEGARS TO 40 YEARS. 40 YEARS, YOUR HONOR, IS QUITE A HEAVY SENTENCE AND IT TOOK A LOT OF TIME AND CONCENTRATION IN EVALUATION OF THIS CASE FOR ME TO ARRIVE AT SUCH A FIGURE.

I THINK THAT 40 YEARS REFLECTS A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF TIME FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO BE INCARCERATED IN PRISON.

AND IT -- IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TO TELL THE JUDGE OR TO ASK THE JUDGE TO SENTENCE A PERSON AND TO LOCK HIM AWAY FOR 40 YEARS.

HOWEVER, THAT IS MY REQUEST.

IT WOULD BE MY REQUEST THAT THIS JUDGE

SENTENCE HIM ON COUNTS 4, 5, 6 AND 8 AS IS RECOMMENDED BY THE PROBATION REPORT WHICH INCLUDING THE FIVE YEAR STATE PRISON -- OR THE PROP 8 PRIOR WHICH WOULD AMOUNT TO 8 -- EXCUSE ME -- WHICH WOULD AMOUNT TO 40 YEARS.

IT WOULD BE MY FURTHER REQUEST THAT THE ADDITIONAL COUNTS RUN CONCURRENT TO THAT 40 YEARS.

AND BASED ON THAT I WOULD SUBMIT THE MATTER,

YOUR HONOR.

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THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. BEFORE I HEAR FROM MR. SEEGARS, MR. TITUS.

MR. TITUS: I WILL SUBMIT THE MATTER ON MY COMMENTS IN CHAMBERS, YOUR HONOR.

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

MR. SEEGARS, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO THE COURT?

YOU CAN REMAIN SEATED.

THE DEFENDANT: SIR, YOUR HONOR, I HAD -- FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS I HAVE BEEN LIKE FIGURING OUT SOMETHING TO SAY OR WRITE SOMETHING THAT I COULD SAY THAT MIGHT BE IN MY FAVOR AS FAR AS MY SENTENCING GOES BUT I REALLY HAVEN'T COME UP WITH NOTHING BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IN THE BEGINNING OF THIS TRIAL I HEARD A LOT OF NEGATIVE THINGS ABOUT YOU AND THE WAY YOU HANDLED THINGS WHICH I LATER COME TO FIND OUT IT WASN'T TRUE AND DUE TO PROCEEDINGS YOU HAVE BEEN A FAIR -- FAIR TO BOTH SIDES AND OTHER THAN THAT, YOU KNOW, I JUST SAY I -- YOU KNOW -- STILL RETAIN THAT SAME FAIRNESS IN THE SENTENCING YOU IMPOSE ON ME TODAY.

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THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

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THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. SEEGARS.

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THIS CASE, AND I'M SURE YOUR ATTORNEY HAS TOLD YOU WHAT

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FOR AS LONG AS I FEEL I HAVE TO CONFINE YOU IN ORDER TO PROTECT SOCIETY'S INTEREST IN THIS CASE.

ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO DENY PROBATION IN THIS CASE.

THE REASONS ARE THE DEFENDANT'S PRISON HISTORY, HIS CRIMES OF A CONTINUINGLY SERIOUS NATURE.

I FIND THAT MR. SEEGARS IS A DANGER TO SOCIETY AND THERE WAS A VULNERABLE VICTIM, TWO VULNERABLE VICTIMS. HE INFLICTED PAIN AND SUFFERING ON EACH OF THEM AND HIS INABILITY TO CONFORM HIS BEHAVIOR TO THE STANDARD REQUIRED BY A SOCIETY AND WHICH SOCIETY HAS A RIGHT TO REQUIRE.

ALL OF THOSE REASONS JUSTIFY A DENIAL OF PROBATION AND I DO DENY PROBATION ON THAT GROUND.

MOREOVER, THE COURT IS GOING TO ELECT TO IMPOSE CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES IN THIS CASE BECAUSE THE MULTIPLE VICTIMS, SEPARATE ACTS OF VIOLENCE, THE THREATS AGAINST EACH OF THE VICTIMS. THESE INCIDENCES OCCURRED IN DIFFERENT PLACES AND AT DIFFERENT TIMES.

THE CONVICTIONS WERE NUMEROUS AND THE DEFENDANT HAS ENGAGED IN A PATTERN OF VIOLENT CONDUCT.

I AM GOING TO ELECT TO SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT TO THE EXTENT THAT I'M GOING TO BE INDICATING IN A MOMENT PURSUANT TO PENAL CODE SECTION 667.6(C) BECAUSE OF THE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC IN WHICH -- AND WHICH REQUIRES THAT THE DEFENDANT BE CONFINED AND NOT BE PERMITTED TO BE FREE IN SOCIETY FOR A PERIOD OF TIME SUFFICIENT TO INSURE THAT HE IS NO LONGER A DANGER TO SOCIETY.

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THIS CASE BUT I THINK THERE IS REMORSE WITHIN HIM FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE BUT I THINK IN SPITE OF WHAT I PERCEIVE WITHIN MR. SEEGARS HE IS UNABLE TO CONFORM HIS BEHAVIOR TO THE STANDARD SOCIETY HAS A RIGHT TO EXPECT.

THEREFORE, IT IS THE JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE OF THIS COURT FOR A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE SECTION 211 DASH 212.5-B. AS ALLEGED AND CONTAINED WITHIN COUNT TWO OF THE INFORMATION THAT THE DEFENDANT BE SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

I AM PICKING THE AGGRAVATED TERM IN THIS CASE
BASED UPON THE VICTIM'S VULNERABILITY, PREDATORY NATURE OF
THE ATTACK ON THE VICTIM, THE DANGER THE DEFENDANT IS TO
SOCIETY AND REPETITIVE NATURE OF HIS OFFENSES. THESE ARE
THE SAME KINDS OF CONDUCT FOR WHICH HE WAS PREVIOUSLY
CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO PRISON. THEREFORE, I DO SELECT
FIVE YEARS.

I FIND NO FACTORS IN MITIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFENSE.

I'M GOING TO -- FOR THE REASONS STATED -IMPOSE THE CONSECUTIVE SENTENCE AS TO COUNT 11.

I'M GOING TO FOR -- FOR A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE SECTION 664 DASH 2612 ATTEMPTED RAPE, AS CONTAINED WITHIN COUNT 11, IMPOSE THE AGGRAVATED TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

I'M GOING TO STAY ALL BUT ONE-THIRD OF THE MIDTERM. THREE YEARS ARE STAYED. ONE YEAR CONSECUTIVE. THEREFORE, A TOTAL OF FOUR YEARS -- I'M SORRY -- A TOTAL OF SIX YEARS FOR COUNTS IWO AND 11.

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TO ARRIVE AT A TOTAL NUMBER OF YEARS THE COURT DEEMS TO BE

APPROPRIATE IN THIS CASE.

IS THE JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE OF THIS COURT FOR A VIOLATION

AND IN ADDITION TO THAT IT PERMITS THE COURT

I'M GOING TO FIND COUNT THREE, VIOLATION OF SECTION 236/237 OF THE PENAL CODE, FALSE IMPRISONMENT FALSE WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED WITHIN PENAL CODE SECTION 654, AND I'M GOING TO STAY EXECUTION OF SENTENCE IN THAT MATTER IN VIEW OF THE SENTENCE AS TO COUNT TWO.

I'M GOING TO -- AS TO COUNT SEVEN, SENTENCE DEFENDANT UNDER 1170.1, SO FOR A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE SECTION 288(A)(C) AS ALLEGED AND CONTAINED WITHIN COUNT 7, I'M GOING TO SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT TO THE AGGRAVATED TERM OF EIGHT YEARS.

I AM GOING TO MAKE THAT CONCURRENT WITH THE TIME CONTAINED WITHIN COUNTS TWO AND ELEVEN, CONCURRENT.

AS TO COUNT NINE, AGAIN, I'M GOING TO SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT -- STRIKE THAT.

AS TO COUNT TEN I'M GOING TO SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT PURSUANT TO 1170.1, TO THE AGGRAVATED TERM OF EIGHT YEARS FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 289-A. OF THE PENAL CODE. THAT WILL BE CONCURRENT WITH THE TIME IN COUNTS TWO AND ELEVEN PURSUANT TO 1170.1.

THE REASON I'M DOING THAT AS TO COUNTS SEVEN AND TEN, IS BECAUSE THOSE TWO COUNTS SEEM TO ME TO BE RELATED CLOSELY TRANSACTIONALLY TO OTHER COUNTS THAT I'M GOING TO IMPOSE AN AGGRAVATED TERM UNDER 667.6.

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OF PENAL CODE SECTION 288(A)(C) AS CONTAINED WITHIN COUNT FOUR THE DEFENDANT BE SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT YEARS.

MOREOVER, THE DEFENDANT SHALL SERVE CONSECUTIVELY PURSUANT TO 667.6(C), AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS FOR A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE SECTION 667.8(A), KIDNAPPING AS ALLEGED IN CONNECTION WITH COUNT FOUR.

CONSECUTIVE THERETO THE DEFENDANT SHALL SERVE EIGHT YEARS FOR A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE SECTION 288(A)(C). AS CONTAINED WITHIN COUNT FIVE, CONSECUTIVELY.

FOR A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE SECTION 288(A)(C). AS CONTAINED WITHIN COUNT SIX OF THE INFORMATION, DEFENDANT SHALL SERVE EIGHT YEARS CONSECUTIVELY.

FOR A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE SECTION 288(A)(C). AS CONTAINED WITHIN COUNT EIGHT DEFENDANT SHALL SERVE CONSECUTIVELY EIGHT YEARS.

FOR A VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE SECTION 289(A) AS CONTAINED WITHIN COUNT NINE THE DEFENDANT SHALL SERVE CONSECUTIVELY A PERIOD OF EIGHT YEARS IN THE STATE PRISON.

IN ADDITION THE DEFENDANT HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF A FELONY, TO WIT; ROBBERY AS ALLEGED AND FOUND TO BE TRUE WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTIONS 667-1192.7 OF THE PENAL CODE THE DEFENDANT ORDERED TO SERVE ADDITIONAL FIVE YEARS CONSECUTIVE TO THE TERM SERVED.

THEREFORE, THE TOTALS ON THIS SENTENCE ARE AS

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1	PURSUANT TO 1170.1 A TOTAL TERM OF SIX YEARS.
2	PURSUANT TO PENAL CODE SECTION 667.6(C) A
	TOTAL TERM OF 43 YEARS.
3	FIVE YEARS FOR THE PRIOR. TOTAL OF 54 YEARS.
5	IS THAT CORRECT?
6	THE PROBATION OFFICER: YOUR HONOR, I'M
7	SORRY. I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THIS EARLIER IN CHAMBERS. AS
8	SOON AS YOU TOOK TWO EIGHT-YEAR TERMS AND PUT THEM UNDER
9	170 THEY BECAME PRINCIPAL TERM UNDER 1170 AND EIGHT
.0	YEARS ACTUALLY NINE EIGHT PLUS FIVE CONCURRENT PLUS
.1	ONE CONSECUTIVE.
	THE COURT: WHY DO THEY BECOME PRINCIPAL
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L 4	PROBATION OFFICER: BECAUSE THEY COVER THE
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16	THE COURT: I THINK RECENT CASE LAW ALTERS
17	THAT PRINCIPLE.
18	THERE IS A VERY RECENT CASE OUT OF THE FIFTH
19	DISTRICT THAT GIVES THE COURT THE DISCRETION TO SENTENCE
20	IN THIS TYPE OF CASE, I BELIEVE, AND MAKE THE PRINCIPAL
21	TERM THE LESSER OF THE OFFENSES.
22	THE PROBATION OFFICER: VERY GOOD.
23	THE COURT: THAT'S MY INTERPRETATION OF THE
24	LAW AND IT IT BASICALLY HOLDS THAT PEOPLE VERSUS
25	HIMMELSBACH, I BELIEVE IS THE THIRD DISTRICT CASE, IS NOT
26	NECESSARILY ACCURATE ON THESE FACTS.
27	IN ANY EVENT THAT'S GOING TO BE THE JUDGMENT
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